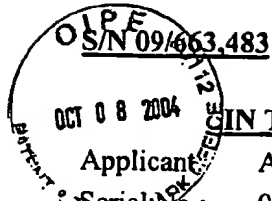


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This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from September 3, 2004 to October 4, 2004 (Monday).